

National Study of Long-Term Care Providers

An Introduction



The National Study of Long-Term Care Providers (NSLTCP) is a new integrated initiative sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS).

The main goals of NSLTCP are to:

1. Estimate the U.S. national supply of paid, regulated LTC providers (i.e., nursing home, home health care, residential care, adult day care, and hospice).
2. Estimate key policy-relevant characteristics and practices of these providers.
3. Estimate the use of these providers.
4. Estimate key policy-relevant characteristics of these users.
5. Monitor national trends in these estimates of LTC supply and use, overall and by provider type.

The NSLTCP will replace NCHS' [National Nursing Home Survey](#), [National Home and Hospice Care Survey](#), and [National Survey of Residential Care Facilities](#). NSLTCP will:

- Broaden the NCHS coverage of paid, regulated long-term care (LTC) providers to include residential care facilities and adult day services centers in addition to nursing homes, home health care agencies, and hospices.
- Use existing administrative data on LTC providers where available (i.e., nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospices).
- Collect primary data every other year via cross-sectional nationally representative sample surveys of LTC providers for which administrative data do not exist (i.e., residential care facilities and adult day services centers).
- Enable comparisons across LTC provider types at the same point in time and over time.

NCHS plans to field the residential care and adult day care components of NSLTCP in late 2012. Participants will be selected randomly from among all residential care communities and adult day services centers in the United States. Information will be obtained from residential care community and adult day care services center directors (or designees) by means of mail and web surveys with telephone follow-up and will take less than 1 hour to complete. All information that would permit identification of an individual, facility, or agency participating in this study is kept strictly confidential. Participants receive assurance of this confidentiality under the Public Health Services Act.

NCHS plans to release the first NSLTCP overview report in late 2013, using a combination of survey and administrative data. This first report will include nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices, residential care facilities, and adult day services centers.

To learn more about NSLTCP, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsltcp.htm>.

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